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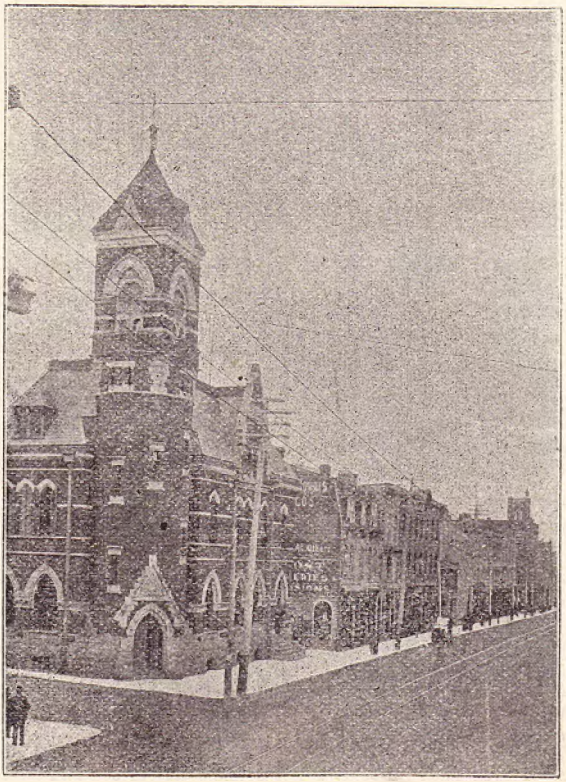

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IMPRESSIONS—Methods employed in printing stamps.

ENGRAVING.—The designs first cut on a matrix of soft steel which is afterwards hardened and transferred by pressure to copper or steel plates. Then the ornamental work is engraved by a machine it is called engine turned or lathe work engraving.

TYPOGRAPHY OR SURFACE PRINTING.—The design is not cut in but left untouched by the engraver and the space or parts not wanted are cut away. The exact reverse of engraving.

TYPE SET.—Printed from regular type used by most printers.

EMBOSSED PRINTING.—See embossed in previous issue.

LITHOGRAPHY.—The design is drawn upon stone or copper covered with oil or some mixture containing oil. An acid is then covered over the design which eats into the stone or other material, through the lines traced by the artist.

WOOD BLOCK.—A design engraved on box wood or other hard wood and called a wood engraving.

IMPERFORATES or IMPEFORATED stamps are not pierced. To separate the stamps they must be cut.

Inverted—Reversed. Some part of the printing turned upside down.

LAID PAPER.—Paper made from a pulp dried upon parallel wires. Such paper held to the light shows alternate light and dark lines.

LETTER-CARD.—A combination of a post card and a sealed letter issued by some countries, usually at the same rate as Post cards.

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